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REMARKS

This Response is offered in reply to the Office Action of June 3, 2003.

In response to paragraph 1a of the office action, Applicants amend claim 3 to change its dependency so that it depends from claim 1 and not canceled claim 2. Reconsideration of the objection to claim 3 is requested.

In paragraph 3 of the office action, claims 1, 3, and 5-12 again are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious in view of Frank US Patent 4 837 187 or EP 0 914 883 taken with Japan document 3-97675. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection for the reasons set forth in detail in their previously filed Response To Office Action dated April 30, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Given the final rejection of claims 1, 3, and 5-12, Applicants are filing a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith to have the final rejection reviewed. Applicants ask the examiner to enter the amendment to claim 3 to place the claims in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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